The method of compilation may interest students First a detailed calendar of the years was constructed, either on cards or in notebooks The mam source for this calendar were such works as Stow's *Annals*^ Camden's *Elizabeth*^ the various Calendars of State Papers and Historical Manuscripts, the *Acts of the Privy Council*^ Birch's *Memoirs,* Colhns's *Sidney Papers,* Strype's *Annals of the Reformation*^ Chamberlain's *Letters** Dyson's *Proclamations*^ and D'Ewes's *Journals*

Stow and Camden were particularly valuable as general guides John Stow's *Annals of England from the first inhabita-tion* was first published in 1592, re-issued and brought up to date in 1600, 1601, and 1605, and continued by others after his death Stow kept some sort of diary, and as he had no sense of proportion but a curious interest in the unusual he was frequently more useful than a better historian William Camden's *The True and Royal History of Elizabeth*^ *Queen of England* (first published in Latin m 1615, in English in 1625—6) is a very different book, and an excellent piece of historical writing Camden had a large understanding , he knew how to use his sources, both contemporary pamphlets and original documents, and he had been an eye-witness of many of the events which he described He was therefore a useful source and often gave some additional detail or valuable comment , but he wrote when James of Scotland had succeeded Elizabeth, and in retrospect he saw the importance of events

in Scotland in the history of England He gave therefore
about the same space to Scotland as to France in his history
if the *Stationers* Register* is any guide publishers sold twenty
books on French affairs to one on Scottish

Then the *Stationers* Register* and the *Short Title Catalogue*
were consulted and a list of e\ery book and pamphlet which
seemed of any significance was compiled As the *'Journals*
were originally intended to be a background to literature I paid
particular attention to books printed, and those interested in
the Elizabethan book trade will find details in two papers